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MEMORANDUM
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TO: ALL DRUG STORES, CONVENIENCE STORES, AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS IN ANGELES CITY

FROM: Mayor CARMELO G. LAZATIN, JR.

DATE: January 31, 2020

SUBJECT: STRICTLY PROHIBITING PROFITEERING FROM AND HOARDING OF FACE MASKS, RUBBING ALCOHOL, HAND SANITIZERS, DISINFECTANT SPRAYS, GROCERIES, AND OTHER SIMILAR PRODUCTS

In the wake of the confirmation of the first case of Novel Coronavirus (NCOV) in the country, the Angeles City Government is **strictly prohibiting ALL drug stores, convenience stores, and other similar establishments within Angeles City** from doing the following:

- 1) **PROFITEERING FROM THE SALE OF FACE MASKS, RUBBING ALCOHOL, HAND SANITIZERS, DISINFECTANT SPRAYS, GROCERIES, AND OTHER SIMILAR PRODUCTS.** Drug stores, convenience stores, and similar establishments in Angeles City are strictly prohibited from unreasonably raising the price of the abovementioned commodities being sold in their establishments.

Section 5 (Illegal Acts of Price Manipulation) of R.A. 7581 or The Price Act defines profiteering as "the sale or offering for sale of any basic necessity or prime commodity at a price grossly in excess of its true worth."

- 2) **NO HOARDING OF FACE MASKS, RUBBING ALCOHOL, HAND SANITIZERS, DISINFECTANT SPRAYS, GROCERIES, AND OTHER SIMILAR PRODUCTS.** Drug stores, convenience stores, and similar establishments in Angeles City are strictly prohibited from hoarding the abovementioned commodities in a bid to create artificial demand and raise their prices.